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DoJ,

I am opposed to a settlement with Microsoft, and as a citizen of the United States of America I would like to make my opinion known under the Tunney Act comment process.

Microsoft was found by the court to be an illegally maintained monopoly. The government needs to enforce sufficient penalty for this finding, which the proposed settlement does not accomplish.

The computer industry has been at the mercy of Microsoft's illegal activities for far too long. Only swift legal action can restore healthy competition and real innovation to this industry.

In my opinion the DoJ should force Microsoft to:

1. Be split into two companies, OS & Application businesses
2. Office file formats (.doc .xls .ppt) be made open source so that other software companies can compete in this market by interoperating with the existing MS Office monopoly.
3. Provisions be made to stop the predatory pricing used by Microsoft (IE, MSN, MediaPlayer etc., cannot be given away for "free" in the OS)
4. Microsoft server protocols be made open source, so that other operating systems can communicate.
5. Microsoft internet protocols (.Net, IE, etc) be made open source so that other operating systems can interoperate properly.
6. Microsoft must publish the prices it charges it OEM's for windows.

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